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# **LOWER DARBY CREEK AREA SUPERFUND SITE**

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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**  
**Work Assignment ES002**  
***Lower Darby Creek Area Site***

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Name:

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WITNESS)  
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Affiliation:

Former Employee-Hawthorne/Quickway Refuse

Telephone:

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Type of Interview:

In-Person

Date of Interview:

December 15, 2003

On December 15, 2003, (b) (4) of Tri-State Enterprise interviewed the WITNESS at his residence. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Folcroft Landfill (Folcroft) and the Clearview Landfill (Clearview). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked, and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that Joseph O'Dea, Jr, Esquire, represents him. This interview was not tape-recorded. The following individuals were also present during this interview:

- Brian Nishitani, Esquire: Attorney for the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (USEPA);
- Carlyn Prisk: Civil Investigator for the USEPA, Region III;
- Joseph F. O'Dea, Jr., Esquire: Attorney representing Waste Management Corporation and (b) (6)

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for former employees.

The WITNESS was shown an aerial photograph of the Site and this aerial photograph was referenced throughout the interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with Hawthorne Refuse, Quickway Refuse, and the Folcroft Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that he worked for Hawthorne Demolition as a truck driver from 1957 to 1963. The WITNESS stated that in approximately 1963 Hawthorne Refuse split into two companies. The WITNESS stated that Hawthorne Refuse became Hawthorne Demolition. The WITNESS stated that the trash business that had been Hawthorne Refuse became Quickway Refuse. The WITNESS stated that both Hawthorne and Quickway were owned and operated by Robert Hawthorne, and that both Quickway and Hawthorne Demolition

operated out of a yard owned by Hawthorne located on East Orthodox Street, Philadelphia, PA. When asked if the yard was the same as the Quickway yard currently located on East Orthodox Street, the WITNESS stated yes.

When asked to explain the changes in ownership of Quickway during the years he worked for Quickway, the WITNESS provided the following:

The WITNESS stated that Hawthorne Demolition was an excavating company and a trash company. The WITNESS stated that he started work with Hawthorne in approximately 1957 as a truck driver. The WITNESS stated that in approximately 1963 Hawthorne became Hawthorne Demolition and Quickway Refuse. The WITNESS stated that he continued working for Hawthorne trading as Quickway Refuse. The WITNESS stated that U.S. Waste purchased Quickway in approximately 1983. The WITNESS stated that Waste Management purchased Quickway from U.S. Waste in approximately 1997. The WITNESS stated that he retired from Waste Management in 1999.

The WITNESS stated that until the sale to U.S. Waste in approximately 1983, Hawthorne and Quickway were owned and operated by the Hawthorne family. The WITNESS stated that Robert Hawthorne was the president and that the following Hawthorne's were involved with the companies:

- Tom Hawthorne
- Jake Hawthorne
- Eddy Hawthorne
- William Hawthorne.

The WITNESS stated that after the sale in approximately 1983 the Hawthorne family continued in the waste hauling business under other names. He indicated that Grace Refuse and Walthorn were the names of two of these companies.

When asked if he ever disposed of waste at the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated yes and provided the following:

The WITNESS stated that from 1957 to approximately 1963 he drove a load "lugger" truck for Hawthorne. The WITNESS stated that in 1957 he disposed of waste at a landfill located at 58<sup>th</sup> and Lindbergh Streets in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that Bernie McNickle owned this landfill and that Ed Mullin was the general manager. The WITNESS stated that sometime in the late 1950s this landfill closed and McNickle opened the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS stated that Ed Mullin was also the manager of the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS stated that when the Folcroft Landfill opened he disposed of waste at that landfill.

The WITNESS stated that the load "lugger" truck that he operated picked up five (5) and ten (10) cubic-yard containers. The WITNESS explained that during this time period Hawthorne was in the excavating business and much of the waste he picked up was construction debris. The WITNESS explained that Hawthorne would place these containers at construction sites

for use by construction companies. The WITNESS stated that this waste consisted of wood and concrete.

When asked the locations of these construction sites, the WITNESS stated that he recalls the Lankanau Hospital and a hospital in Landsdown. He could not recall the name of that hospital. The WITNESS stated that the waste was construction debris.

When asked the names the construction companies that he picked up waste for, the WITNESS provided the following:-

- J.S. Cornell.

When asked if he picked up waste from any industrial locations and transported that waste to the Site, the WITNESS stated yes and provided the following:

Arco Products: The WITNESS stated that Arco Products is located at 50<sup>th</sup> and Paschall Street in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that this company produces welding material. The WITNESS described the waste as paper and wood and indicated that there was no hazardous waste in the containers.

The WITNESS stated that when Hawthorne Refuse began trading as Quickway Refuse in approximately 1963 he began driving a roll-off truck. The WITNESS stated that he did not dispose of waste at the Folcroft Landfill after approximately 1963 when he drove the roll-off truck. The WITNESS stated that when he drove the roll-off truck he worked out of the yard on Orthodox Street and worked in the northern part of the city. The WITNESS stated that he transported the waste to landfills that were located closest to where he picked up the waste. The WITNESS stated that he transported waste to the following landfills:

- Kinsley Landfill
- Deptford Landfill.

When asked if Quickway had any roll-off containers dispose of waste at the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he did not know.

When asked the names of other trash companies that he had observed at the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following:

- Schaivo Brothers: The WITNESS stated that Schaivo hauled building material. He did not know the types of trucks Schaivo operated.

When asked the names of other Quickway truck drivers, the WITNESS provided the following:

- Joe Pugh
- Marshall Linton
- Joe Hertzog.

When asked to describe the types of trucks that Hawthorne operated during the time period he transported waste to the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated Hawthorne operated approximately twenty (20) trucks and provided the following information regarding the types of trucks:

- load luger trucks
- two (2) ton trucks
- open trailers.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

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**Affiliation:** Former Employee/Hawthorn and Quickway Waste

**Telephone:** (b) (6)

**Type of Interview:** In-Person

**Date of Interview:** October 17, 2003

On October 17, 2003, (b) (4) of Tri-State Enterprise interviewed the WITNESS at his residence. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Folcroft Landfill (Folcroft) and the Clearview Landfill (Clearview). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked, and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter, and did not want an attorney. No other persons were present, and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") for former employees.

The WITNESS was asked if he had ever worked for the Quickway or Hawthorn Companies. The WITNESS stated yes, and explained the following:

The WITNESS stated that he went to work for Hawthorn Refuse Company as a trash truck driver in 1957. The WITNESS stated that in 1962 the Hawthorn Refuse Company split into two separate Companies. The WITNESS stated that Hawthorn became the Hawthorn Excavation Company and Quickway became the Quickway Refuse Company. The WITNESS stated that he continued to work as a trash truck driver for Quickway through the purchase of Quickway by U.S. Waste and the purchase of U.S. Waste by Waste Management. The WITNESS stated that he retired from the Waste Management Company in 1999.

When asked if he had ever gone to the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated yes. When asked if he had ever gone to the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS stated yes.

At this time the interviewer stopped the interview and advised the WITNESS that the interview could not go forward without an attorney representing Waste Management present. The WITNESS was asked if he would agree to an interview with an attorney representing Waste Management and an attorney representing EPA present. The WITNESS stated yes.



The WITNESS was advised that he would be contacted in the next few weeks to set a time and place for the interview.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)